GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:476
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2005
NON-INCLUSION OF CASTES IN SC LIST
Mollah Shri Hannan

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

to Unstarred Question No. 3711 dated December 23, 2004 regarding Recognition of SCs castes in States and state:

(a)Whether the concerned State Governments have furnished the ethnographic detailsfor inclusion of said communities in the list of Scheduled Castes in their respective States;

(b)Whether the Union Government has also received memorandum in this regard;

(c) If so, the details thereof and further steps taken/to be taken by the Union Government for inclusion of said communities in the list of SC; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Yes Sir. In the representation dated 12.03.2003 of the General Secretary, All India Namasudra Social Welfare Association, Kolkata, a request has been made to include Namasudra, Poundra, Rajbanshi, Jele etc. communities in the list of Scheduled Castes in the States and Union Territories of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been reminded to furnish the ethnographic details. No time frame can, however, be assigned in the matter, as the proposals require consultation with various agencies and that any amendment in the list of Scheduled Castes can be done only by an Act of Parliament in view of provision of Article 341 (2) of the Constitution of India.